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The amendment filed on 24 November 2005 amending claims 1-7 and 25, and further withdrawing claim 8 (claims 9-18 have been previously withdrawn to a nonelected invention in the election made without traverse in the reply filed on 06 May 2005) presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention (i.e., a fastener in combination with a bathtub) is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention (i.e., a fastener) for the reasons set forth in the Office action mailed 07 April 2005.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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